

SENATE GENERAL WELFARE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

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AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 49* <HB>

by deleting the language “now, therefore” at the end of the fourth “WHEREAS” of the preamble
and by substituting instead the following new language:

and

WHEREAS, Unintended variations in formulations can result from changing from
a brand name drug to a generic formulation, or from one generic formulation to another,
or from a generic formulation to a brand name formulation, and any change from the
formulation, upon which the patient was stabilized, should be made only with the
express consent of both the pharmacist and the physician; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee law does not currently specifically address the issue of
NTI drugs and the duty placed on those charged with prescribing and dispensing that
small number of such drugs identified by FDA as having a narrow therapeutic index;
now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND, by deleting the second and third resolving clauses and by substituting
instead the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, in
consultation with the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, with input from the
University of Tennessee, Memphis, the Health Science Center, is encouraged to review
the twenty-four drugs identified by the FDA as having a narrow therapeutic index and
determine whether the health and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee require the
establishment through rules and/or regulations or stricter standards specifically
regarding the substitution and interchange of these NTI drugs.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association are encouraged to work in cooperation with the Medical and Pharmacy Boards in their review of NTI drugs by soliciting input from the prescribing and dispensing community, and by conducting educational activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be forwarded to the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners, the Tennessee Medical Association and the Tennessee Pharmacists Association.

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